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1. BELIEVE EMBASSY MAY HAVE SLIGHTLY CONFUSED REF B AND
REF C. PARAGRAPH THREE OF REF B GIVES PROCEDURE FOR
INTERESTED PARTIES TO FOLLOW WHO WISH TO APPEAR AT PUBLIC
HEARINGS. THESE REQUIRE THAT BRIEF BE SUBMITTED TO STR IN
WASHINGTON BY COB DECEMBER 13 RPT 13, AND STATE THAT
HEARINGS WILL BE HELD BEGINNING DECEMBER 14. WE CURRENTLY
EXPECT THAT THESE HEARINGS WILL BE FINISHED WITHIN ONE
WEEK. REF C WAS TO REQUEST INFORMATION NOT OTHERWISE
AVAILABLE TO THE TPSC ON PRODUCTS UNDER CONSIDERATION
THAT WERE REQUESTED BY LDCS FOR USE IN THE TPSC DELIBERA-
TIONS AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARINGS.

2. THE TWO PROCESSES ARE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE, HOWEVER.
SHOULD THE GOB WISH TO TESTIFY AT THE PUBLIC HEARINGS THEY
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WOULD HAVE TO SO INFORM THE TPSC AND SUBMIT A WRITTEN BRIEF

BY DECEMBER 13. IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE WRITTEN BRIEF BY A DAY OR TWO IF NECESSARY.

GOB OFFICIAL WOULD HAVE TO APPEAR DURING WEEK OF SCHEDULED HEARINGS E.G., FROM DECEMBER 14-17. SHOULD GOB STILL DESIRE TO APPEAR AT PUBLIC HEARINGS, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM US ASAP AS TO WHAT DAY AN OFFICIAL WOULD BE ABLE TO TESTIFY, AND TPSC WILL ATTEMPT TO WORK HIM IN ON THAT DAY.

3. FYI SHOULD GOB NOT BE ABLE TO MEET THIS SHORT DEADLINE, THEY ARE, OF COURSE, ALWAYS ABLE TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. STATE, STR AND OTHER INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF TPSC WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO SEPARATELY RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVE OF GOB AFTER PUBLIC HEARINGS, ALTHOUGH THIS, OF COURSE, WOULD NOT BE SAME AS FULL PUBLIC HEARINGS. TO BE EFFECTIVE, THIS SHOULD BE DONE BEFORE END OF FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY. ROBINSON

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